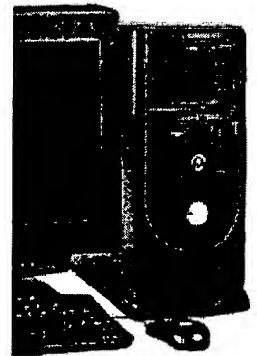


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cytokine

SYLLABICATION: cy·to·kine

PRONUNCIATION:  sī'tō-kīn'

NOUN: Any of several regulatory proteins, such as the interleukins and lymphokines, that are released by cells of the immune system and act as intercellular mediators in the generation of an immune response.

ETYMOLOGY: cyto- + Greek *kinein*, to move; see kinin.

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